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Sewer Question Still Unsettled

Council Receives Opinion From Solicitors But Defers Action To arbitrate or not to arbitrate—that is the question.

Last week the contractors applied to council for additional concessions for widening an existing outlet tunnel in the Cow Bay sewer project.

It was the contention of Mitchell & Currie that this extra work on the tunnel was not specified in the contract, thus was not their responsibility.

Council then decided to leave the matter in hands of city solicitors, Brown & Harvey.

Last night, solicitors' report was before council. It held that, according to the contract, the city had no responsibility pertaining to widening the tunnel.

Specifications were modified, said Mr. Stewart, to read 75 per cent rock in place of "all fill" and several concessions in the total cost made to bring it up to some \$132,000.

But bills presented to the city for completed work to date totalled more than \$152,000, he said.

Generous already, said Ald. George Casey, public works committee. "I'm not in favor of exceeding our figure (\$132,000)."

"They (the contractors) are in default of their contract since last November when the project should have been completed," said Mayor G. W. Rudderham.

"There is no room for arbitration," said Ald. T. B. Black. "Our solicitors tell us we should not exceed the figures of the city engineer, and that all specifications as they now stand are correct."

If the matter were arbitrated, he said, the city might lose out. There was not enough money covered by the sewer bylaw to go in excess of the \$132,000 figure.

Ald. H. S. Whalen felt city owed contractors a "moral consideration" because actual widening of the existing tunnel was not, as far as he knew, specified in the contract.

As contractors have already started on this work, it was finally decided that further action would be taken when project was completed.

Red Resistance Broken Says U.S. Commander In Korea

Canucks Having It Quieter Today

TOKYO (CP)—An American regiment cracked main Korean Communist defences in the east-central battlefield today after infantrymen in the same sector smashed five fierce Red counter-attacks.

"We have broken their main line of resistance," said Col. William R. Quinn, commander of the U.S. 7th Division regiment that broke through the Reds on the east-west highway from Pangnim to Wonju.

Quinn reported his riflemen and artillerymen were taking a "terrific toll" of the enemy. "Our casualties have been amazingly light."

All along the central front United Nations forces moved ahead steadily but cautiously. Indications today were that the Communists might be endeavouring to set up a new line 30 miles south of the 38th parallel. United Nations forces were ordered to sweep toward it.

Canadians were not in action today and were reported to have spent the time improving newly-taken positions. It will be two weeks before details of week-end Canadian casualties are announced.

Clementis Arrested PRAGUE (CP)—Vlado Clementis, Czechoslovakia's former foreign minister who has been missing since January 27, today was officially reported under arrest as a spy for the West.

Six other Communist party leaders were charged with defections and expelled either from party ranks or from party office. At least four of them are under arrest.

Official reports said Clementis had been arrested and thrown out of the Communist party and National Assembly. BIG PURGE ON Czechoslovakia's ruling Communist party has dropped 169,544 persons from its rolls—84 per cent of the total—in the biggest housecleaning it has had since it won back power in February 1948, the central committee disclosed today.

Of those dropped in the new purification process, 25,954 were expelled and 143,590 were just crossed off the lists. The latter process does not carry as much stigma as expulsion.

Condition of Olof Holm, engine room crew member of light-house tender Alberni, seriously injured when struck by a car on Second Avenue early Sunday morning, was reported this morning by his doctor to be little changed. "He is still very ill."

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More Care in Civil Defence Before Council Enlistments

Rockingham Discusses Embarkation of Special Brigade OTTAWA (CP)—The government reported yesterday that 1,006 men or about one in every ten enlisted have been discharged from the Army's special force.

The figures were tabled in the House of Commons as the commander of the force, Brigadier General John M. (Rocky) Rockingham conferred with senior Army officials about the movement of the 25th Brigade—the core of the force—to Korea.

The figures indicated that, regardless of how the government decides to create a 5,000-man brigade group to send to Europe, there will not be any repetition of last August's rush recruiting for the special force.

Sailing date of the special brigade for Korea, equipment and embarkation leave are believed to have been discussed by Brig. Rockingham with the army chiefs.

Defence officials have been sent to Washington to discuss arrangements for shipping the remainder of the brigade to Korea from Fort Lewis.

Seeking Power Rate Revision

A brief requesting a revision of power rates in Prince Rupert will be presented to city council at a special meeting tomorrow evening.

MacLeod & Ray, barristers and solicitors, are acting in behalf of Northern British Columbia Power Company Limited. Neither would comment on the proposed revision at this time.

Alaska No Pushover

General Kepner Says Territory Can Be Defended ANCHORAGE, Alaska (CP)—Head of the Alaskan Defence Command said yesterday that his organization was well prepared to defend all of the territory against any country that may "step in and try to take it."

Lt. Gen. W. E. Kepner said in an interview that "we are no pushover and anyone who thinks he can walk in and take Alaska is in for a rude awakening."

The general made the statement in commenting on a report made by a preparedness sub-committee of the Senate armed forces committee in Washington, D.C., last Thursday which said that all-out war with Russia "would force this country to abandon certain isolated areas of Alaska."

The sub-committee had given assurance, however, that "critical areas can be held."

City Taking Lead in Planning for Emergency

A study of civil defence for Prince Rupert will be conducted by a special committee appointed at the council meeting last night by Mayor G. W. Rudderham.

Then, a general meeting of all residents will be called to form a civil defence organization. Three types of pamphlets on methods of organization and an advisory letter were received by council from Civil Defence Co-ordination headquarters at Vancouver, and these have been made available to the special committee. Those appointed were Ald. H. F. Glassey, Ald. D. Gomez and Ald. D. F. Fitch.

They will report their findings next regular meeting, March 12, following which the general meeting of citizens will be called. "I believe city council should take the lead in civil defence," said Ald. Glassey, "but it should not be our responsibility entirely."

From the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities an offer was received to distribute information booklets on defence in atomic warfare at a cost of six cents per booklet on the basis of 5000. The committee will study this offer.

An application from W. M. Ramsey for the position of defence councillor was tabled for future reference.

Car Off Road—\$400 Damage Over \$400 damage was done to a 1951 four-door sedan Austin, which went off the highway east of the city Saturday morning, according to Superior Auto and Body Service, Third and Park Avenues, owner of the car.

The car, with a dealer's license, driven by the garage salesman, Jack Agnew, went off the road a mile beyond the city incinerator. The car was travelling towards Prince Rupert.

Why the Blockade of Prince Rupert Harbor?

According to a letter I received from the Harbor Commission, there were 415 overseas sailings docked at Vancouver in 1936, while the sailings into Prince Rupert has been nil from 1936 down to the present date.

When W. M. Mott, Member for New Westminster, was speaking in the House on March 1, 1950, he was calling for harbor improvement for his port on the Fraser. He said: "Before the war the largest number of deep-sea boats that came into our port was 550. We are now faced with this problem of trade that will arise with Japan and China from where most of our trade came before the war."

Then a Vancouver dispatch to the Nelson Daily News, dated December 7, 1950, reads: "Sale of 7,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat, valued at \$14,000,000, to Japan was confirmed here today. The first 20 cargoes will be loaded here in January, 1951."

Hon. C. D. Howe reported to the House on February 2 the Canadian Wheat Board has contracted to ship to the government of India 300,000 long tons of wheat which is now in the process of being shipped in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Then Bill Herbert, correspondent for the Vancouver Sun, had this to say on January 22, 1951: "Japan will probably buy from \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000 of raw materials from Canada this year."

During 1950 the value of Canadian exports to Japan totalled about \$60,000,000, a substantial increase over the \$6,000,000 in 1949. On the other hand Canada took from Japan about \$13,000,000 worth of goods, more than double the import value of 1949. . . . By the end of 1950 Nippon was buying in quantity from Canada wheat, rayon pulp, sulphite pulp, mica and zinc, plus a wide range of products in limited quantities for sale to foreign nations. Here it might be well to remember that Canada was at war with Japan three years ago. Hence may we not look for a greater volume of business with all Orientals?

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Today's Stocks

Table with columns for Toronto and Vancouver stock prices, including American Standard, Beattie, and various commodities.

Daylight Saving For Two Months

VICTORIA — Daylight saving may last from July 1 to Labor Day in British Columbia it was announced Monday but no official action has been taken yet, it is understood. Last year the period was from April to September.

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THE WEATHER

Synopsis Temperatures in the central and southern interior were near or below zero this morning with Prince George reporting 16 below zero—the lowest in these areas. Lowest temperature in British Columbia was recorded in the northeast section of the province at Fort Nelson with a low of 22 below. Another storm is developing in the Gulf of Alaska and, during the day, will move southward across the coast. Snow or rain and snow mixed will accompany the storm as it moves south.

Cloudy with intermittent snow or rain and snow mixed this morning over the Charlottes, spreading to remainder region by noon. Occasional snow flurries this afternoon and evening. Continuing cool. Winds—light, increasing to southeast (25) by noon and shifting to northwest (25) this afternoon and evening. Lows tonight and highs Wednesday — at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 30 and 40.

TIDES

Table showing tide times for Wednesday, February 28, 1951, with High and Low tide levels.

J. S. Wilson returned to the city on yesterday's plane from a brief trip to Vancouver on business in his capacity as zone representative for the Canadian Legion.

Basketball Playoffs

Semi-Final Tonight 8.45—Brownwoods vs G & A 8:00—Junior—High School vs Rupert Hotel 8:45—Intermediate—Fashion vs Hi-Green 7:45—Exhibition Game—Co-ops vs Hi-Gold

Smithers Bus Service Starting This Year

Canadian National Railways train service east from Prince Rupert will be supplemented this year by a bus service by Canadian National Transition between here and Smithers. The service, it is understood, will be commenced as soon as the River Highway is reopened for the season.

More Taxes All Around

OTTAWA (CP)—Higher personal, corporation and excise taxes are expected to result from budget estimates for 1951-52 fiscal year which may hit \$3,600,000,000.

Estimates which will be presented to Commons next week are expected in informed quarters to run between \$500,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000 higher than last year.

It appears likely that all normal federal taxation fields will be squeezed for greater yields. There is no indication when the budget will be introduced, but it may be delayed until after the Easter holidays.

MLA Suggests—

Finish PGE And Sell It

VICTORIA (CP)—Sale of the government-owned Pacific Great Eastern Railway was suggested in the British Columbia Legislature yesterday by H. J. Welch (Coalition, Comox).

Welch said the government should put the railway into first class condition and then sell it.

The province, he said, should be able to get \$55,000,000 when the PGE is extended north to Prince George and south into Vancouver.

"Millions of dollars British Columbia has paid into interest on the PGE should be charged to colonization and written off. British Columbia should not be in the railway business."

Three Die in Lake Plunge

NANAIMO (CP)—An automobile which plunged into Cameron Lake on Sunday was recovered yesterday and three bodies were found huddled in the back seat.

Police said that personal papers identified one victim as being Robert Walker of Courtenay, the other dead being a woman and a girl of about 12, believed to be his wife and daughter.

Investigators say they believe all the bodies of any who were in the car have been recovered. Earlier it had been reported that there were four persons in the car.

Canadian to His Staff

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada today sent its first Army officer to the Eisenhower staff in Europe. It appeared to be a move to the plans for provision of ground troops for

Loan Copper

Supplement Government Plant and Road

of the city's black-top plan has been requested provincial department of works, Ald. George Casey, city works chairman, told council last night.

City's plant would supplement the plant used by the provincial department of highway work next summer.

It was approved on the night of \$10 an hour, providing employees would be made by the city could obtain at the moment "hot mix" to be used while the plant is being installed in government.

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